

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Wikdahl

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Filed: February 11, 2002

For: **PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR
THE PRODUCTION OF CELLULOSE
PULPS OF IMPROVED QUALITY**

Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS MADE VIA PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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